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—Ed Carlson

Diet Pepsi/UNO Women's Walk

An estimated \$90,000 was raised by Saturday's Diet Pepsi/UNO Women's Walk for women's athletics, said Connie Claussen, UNO assistant athletic director. A total of 1,100 women signed up to participate in the event which raises money for scholarships and travel for UNO's female athletes. Turn to sports, Page 6.

Everyone Has Own View of Correctness

BY KATHLEEN PEEK

Have you attended an "ovarium" (seminar) lately? Does your college code of conduct require you to ask your date for permission to kiss her goodnight? Has political correctness gone too far on American campuses?

The answer, say UNO professors, is both yes and no.

According to Walter Bacon, a UNO political science professor, political correctness can be defined as being sensitive to another person's feelings and vulnerabilities.

"There's nothing wrong with being sensitive to other people's feelings," he said. "On the other hand, it does mean that certain topics are not as openly and exhaustively discussed as they might be."

The concept of political correctness is often seen as running counter to the ideals of freedom of speech and academic free-

dom. If a person has to watch everything he says out of fear of offending someone else, "then political correctness undermines academic freedom," Bacon said.

Bruce Johansen, UNO communications professor, agreed.

"A belief that there is no such thing as a 'correct' opinion in freedom contradicts freedom of expression at its core," he said.

Johansen said he agrees with the basic virtues of political correctness, such as affirmative action and multicultural education, but deeply disagrees that students should be told what to think.

Bacon said he always considered himself to be sensitive to others, but added that he has been accused of insensitivity on numerous occasions by people of color, women and people of a different sexual orientation.

"That's good," Bacon said. "I need feedback because it helps me to become more sensitive to their feelings."

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Registrar, Students Pleased With BRUNO

BY SUSAN MCCELLIGOTT

The transition to BRUNO, UNO's first telephone registration system, has been successful so far, Registrar Lew Conner said.

"I'm pleased," he said. "Overall, it has gone very well."

Conner said Better Registration at UNO(BRUNO) has already registered 5,500 students for summer classes and 3,000 students for the fall semester.

"Of course, there have been a few difficulties," he said. "This is the first time through, and we have to educate everybody about it. In the following years, we will only

have to teach new students."

Conner said his office receives about 100 calls a day from students who need help with BRUNO.

"This isn't a huge amount of calls, considering the total number of students we register," he said.

The are several reasons why some students have trouble, he said. Often it is because they call in before their scheduled time, they fail to note an advisement flag or they simply keyed in the wrong numbers.

"When students call us for help, we encourage them to continue to try, and they usually get it worked out," he said.

He advised students to read the

directions on their registration cards carefully and to take care of any enrollment stops before they attempt to register.

It is important to have the registration card filled out, he said, and to have a list of alternative classes handy in case any first choices are filled.

There only has been one hour when all lines to BRUNO were busy, he said, and there have been three times that the system has gone down completely, but only for about five minutes each time.

BRUNO will stay on the line with a caller for about 20 minutes, though the average call only lasts

about two minutes and eight seconds, he said.

"No on has come close to 20 minutes, and very few calls even last six minutes," he said.

Conner expects the average time per call to rise a bit as freshmen and sophomores begin to register and classes fill up.

Graduate student Sherri Kudron said she was skeptical about BRUNO at first.

"I was surprised that it was so simple," Kudron said. "I think it's great."

Walter Sims, a senior, also was initially apprehensive about BRUNO.

"Knowing UNO, I figured it

would be screwed up, but it was really easy," Sims said. "All my classes were open, so it only took about 30 seconds."

Senior Nicole Luellen said she prefers to use BRUNO rather than coming to school and waiting in line to register.

"I live 30 miles away, so it was very convenient for me," she said.

"At this point," Conner said, "the general feeling on campus toward BRUNO seems to be very positive."

He encouraged students who have questions to call the Office of the Registrar.

"We're certainly here to help," Conner said.

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Women's Film Festival Is for All

BY EMILIE MINDRUP

The Women's Studies Film Festival is definitely not "for women only."

According to organizers, Connie Eberhart and Marsha Kruger, both men and women are invited and encouraged to attend this informal event.

Three award-winning shorts by Jane Campion (director of "The Piano") and the 1993 release "Women Who Made the Movies," which looks at the careers and films of various women who were pioneer filmmakers as far back as 1896, will be featured.

Eberhart said women's studies decided to showcase women in the movie industry because, "there is still a real

resistance to recognizing the contributions of women to filmmaking."

One recent example of that resistance is Barbra Streisand's snub at the Academy Awards, for failing to recognize her brilliant directing in the successful film "The Prince of Tides," Eberhart said.

Women have been actively involved in the filmmaking industry for nearly a century, says Ally Acker, author of "Reel Women: During the Silent Era."

According to Acker, during that period, "women might be said to have virtually controlled the film industry ... Film buffs have been aware for some time that women were equal in numbers and importance with men in the screenwriting trade from the turn of the century through the mid-'20s.

"Once movie making became a money-

making industry, it became a male-dominated industry."

Both Eberhart and Kruger feel this film festival will be helpful in bringing to the public's awareness historical facts about women's involvement in the movie industry.

"Not only has the filmmaking business been dominated by men, but often they (men) have rewritten the history of it to change what has happened or to leave out women," Kruger said.

To get the 'reel' facts about this issue, plan to attend this look at the women who made the movies.

The festival begins at 7 p.m. Friday in the Eppley Administration Building. Food and beverages will be provided and the event is free.

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Telescope Gets A New Design

Judith Cohen, a guest speaker from the California Institute of Technology, spoke Friday on the Keck telescope project.

Her lecture was the first part of a series on public lectures on astronomy and astrophysics.

Cohen holds a doctorate in astronomy.

The project, owned by the California Institute of Technology and the University of California, began in the winter of 1992.

The observatory housing the telescope is situated on the Island of Mauna Kea, Hawaii.

The telescope, the largest in the world, has a "radical new design," Cohen said.

The design features a primary mirror divided into 36 segments which disperse light more effectively.

"The Keck wins over the Hubble. It has better images," she said.

"After years of effort we have a working telescope."

The observatory dome is 101 feet high, 122 feet wide, and has a total weight of over 700 tons.

Other features of the observatory include a long wavelength infrared camera, a near infrared camera, a low resolution imaging spectrograph and a high resolution spectrograph.

The total cost of the project was \$94 million.

Cohen showed slides and a video of the telescope in various stages of production.

The 14,000 foot altitude of Mauna Kea sometimes posed a problem for mainland workers, Cohen said.

"It makes you stupid," she said, referring to the mental giddiness often caused by the high altitude.

Reception Set for Berg

There will be a retirement reception for Campus Pastor Darrel Berg on April 26 from 3 until 4:30 p.m., in the Student Center Dining Rooms A and B.

Event Will Honor Bauer

A retirement reception for Otto Bauer, vice chancellor for academic affairs, will be April 29, from 3 until 6 p.m., in the Student Center Dining Rooms.

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NAP Encourages Testing

BY KARMA J.C. CAMPHOR

People can make better decisions about their lives if they know what their "status" is by taking an AIDS test.

According to Anne Else, hot line coordinator and office manager for the Nebraska AIDS Project (NAP), many people are HIV positive for years and do not find out until they have "full blown" AIDS.

Testing is important, she said, because people who are HIV positive can possibly prolong their lives by taking better care of themselves early on.

Else said NAP feels it is particularly important for college students to be tested for HIV. 517 total in Nebraska.

The latest data shows 517 cases of AIDS in Nebraska. Twenty-six percent of those are aged 20-29 and 45 percent are aged 30-39.

Else said data shows that people are being infected in their teens and early 20s.

What exactly does getting tested entail?

UNO Health Services offered confidential HIV testing at its health fair held last Thursday, said Ruth Hanon, supervisor of Health Services. The results are confidential and are not a part of a student's school record.

Hanon said students set up confidential appointments with counselors for the testing. Lab work is done at a hospital and after Health Services learns the results of the testing, students are notified.

Hanon said Health Services normally does

not offer HIV testing and refers students to the three free test centers in Omaha.

Hanon said recent data from the Centers For Disease Control shows that one out of 150 college students will test positive for the AIDS virus.

According to Else, although NAP does not offer health services, it is the only entity of its type that offers case management for individuals who are HIV positive or have AIDS. NAP offers extensive education, Else said. The organization sponsors speakers who speak on AIDS-related topics as well as an AIDS hotline for people to call. Else said NAP is dependent on the help of volunteers.

"The volunteers are worth as much in dollar value as we get in cash," she said.

Volunteers are trained and have to be at least 19 years old. Else said they are always looking for volunteers for the wide range of tasks they offer the community.

NAP offers free anonymous HIV testing two nights a week at 3624 Leavenworth St. She said there is also an outreach test site at the Douglas County Hospital.

In addition, NAP offers grocery shopping, transportation, cooking, cleaning, practical support and also pairs buddies together for support and friendship.

Else stressed the importance of safe sex and recommended that individuals either abstain or get tested before having a mutually monogamous relationship. After beginning a sexual relationship, Else advises getting tested again three months later.

Program Will Take You Away

BY BECKY BOHAN

How would you like to get away from it all for a summer or a semester and leave behind all those closed classes, parking problems and that great Nebraska weather?

Margaret Corkle, director of International Studies and Programs at UNO, can help by enrolling you in "IS 3000," UNO's independent study program.

With IS 3000, students can spend time overseas while studying or on vacation and earn as many as 12 credit hours. As part of the course IS 3000 students are required to hand in a 15-20 page research paper upon return to the United States.

"A lot of our international studies majors want the experience of studying abroad, a lot of our foreign language students want the experience and so do business students," Corkle said.

Several IS programs have become very popular.

"I think that I am seeing more interest in

Japan because they want to learn the language or they're interested in the culture," Corkle said.

"The areas that are most popular for students that don't have a foreign language background would be, of course, Ireland, England, Scotland, Great Britain and Australia."

A program that was started a few years ago in Bethsaida, Israel also is popular with students.

"Students get to participate in a three-week archaeological dig. There's so much interest this year, they're staggering the time."

Corkle added that students can actually obtain some college credit in either religion, philosophy or international studies with the program.

"We also have a new program starting this summer in which students are going to Germany to learn about the criminal justice system," she said. That program also offers

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NEWS BITS

UNO Campus Gearing Up for Greek Week '94

UNO fraternities and sororities will be "Shakin' Things Up" on campus this week as they celebrate Greek Week '94.

This year's activities are designed to get greek members involved in the community, said Tara Slevin, co-director of the Greek Week committee. But anyone can participate in several of the activities, she said.

Tuesday is designated as Greek Week Community Service Day. Greek members will be taking underprivileged children to the Henry Doorly Zoo.

Wednesday, the Greek Olympics will be in the pep bowl behind the Eppley Administration Building from noon until 2 p.m.

Fifteen teams of eight people, greeks and non-greeks, will compete in events such as a three-legged race, a bat relay, a wheel barrel race and an egg toss. Tuesday is the deadline for team registration forms turned into the Student Organization and Leadership Development office.

Thursday, greeks will "Yell Like Hell" from 11 a.m. until noon in the Student Center Mall to display their spirit.

The Greek Week banquet will be 6 until 8 p.m., Friday at the Ak-Sar-Ben Hall. It will followed by a dance from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. The cost of admission is \$2 for UNO students and \$3 for non-UNO students.

Communication Dept. Holds Speaking Contest

The UNO department of communication hosted its spring 1994 public speaking contest last week.

Students enrolled in basic speech classes took part in order to fulfill the oral speech requirement.

Forty-five students competed in the preliminary round on Monday and Tuesday. Twelve students advanced to the finals on Thursday.

The finalists demonstrated skills in either persuasive or informative speaking for a group of faculty judges from the communication department.

First-place winners from both categories received a \$50 scholarship from the UNO Alumni Association, and a plaque from the UNO Forensics Team. Second place winners received a \$25 scholarship and a plaque. All other finalists received plaques.

Results:

Persuasive Speaking: 1, Kathy Croson. 2, Christy Rothermund. 3, Evan McPhillips. Finalists: Terry Kruid, David Walters and Chia Ying Jui.

Informative Speaking: 1, Mindy Bush. 2, Tammi Crisler. 3, Jeff Strong. Finalists: Lara Scholten, Julie Miller and Nancy Woolrich.

Lecture Series Will Focus on Astronomy

The UNO physics department and the Mallory Kountze Planetarium are presenting a public lecture series on Astronomy and Astrophysics during April.

Stephen Schiller, from South Dakota State University, will speak on the "Evolution of Binary Stars in Open Clusters," on April 22.

Yervant Terzian, from Cornell University, will speak about "The Nature of Time" on April 29 and "The Nature of the Universe" on April 30.

All lectures are from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., in Durham Science Center, Room 115.

For more information, call 554-2511 or 554-2219.

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Suicide Makes Cobain Failure, Not a Hero

Kurt Cobain and Mickey Mantle.

One wrote songs about life, the other had songs written about his life. Cobain was at the forefront of new music representing a troubled generation. Mantle is a permanent fixture in American culture, one of the greatest to have ever played the game of baseball.

While there may not be many parallels between the lives of these two men, they both shared a common problem which plagued their lives — substance abuse.

Cobain, described by many as a manic depressive, may have let his addiction to heroin and other substances lead to his eventual suicide. Mantle's addiction to alcohol finally became too much for him and he checked himself into a rehabilitation clinic.

It takes a lot of strength for anyone to admit to having a problem too great for them to handle. To place your life in the hands of others so they can try and help you takes great courage.

Mantle had the strength to admit defeat and ask for help, Cobain took the coward's way out and, by killing himself, let his troubles overcome him.

America's reaction to both men's decisions to handle their addiction is as troubling as Cobain's suicide.

For some reason, Cobain has been given this great cult hero status ever since his death. Some have compared Cobain to Jimi Hendrix or John Lennon. It's as if the greatest thing Cobain could have ever done for his career was to kill himself.

Somehow, Cobain made suicide seem cool.

There always has been this mysterious romanticism surrounding suicide as if it's something honorable. For example, "Romeo and Juliet" is the world's greatest love story and Ernest Hemingway took the man's way out of life and shot himself.

Maybe it's just me, but I don't see anything glamourous about someone spraying their brains all over a carpet and leaving behind a wife and child and a world of talent. Suicide is the ultimate symbol of failure, especially in the case of Cobain.

Here's a man who had all the resources to stop and ask for help, yet was too weak or full of himself to even fathom the thought. He took the selfish way out of life and, in easing his own pain, caused greater pain for those who loved him. It is an emotionally weak man like Cobain that many people in this country now honor.

Michael Messerly
COLUMNIST

to us about the dangers of drinking.

What's wrong with us?

We give instant deity status to a man who kills himself, yet we find fault with a man whose problems with drinking led him to ask strangers for help.

Everyone should remember that it was Cobain's music which earned him his celebrity status, not his premature death. Not only did Cobain take himself away from his family, he took himself away from those who worshiped and look up to him. Instead of giving his fans more of what they loved, he left them asking why.

Mantle is still available to his fans, but now he's a better person because he helped himself to a better life. Not only does he carry with him the memories of being one of the greatest baseball players of all time, he now carries with him a positive message.

It's too bad we most often focus on the negative aspects of people's lives rather than the positive. If we could reverse our mentality and appreciate the good in people and life, we may all find ourselves in a happier world to live in.

U.S. Justice System Is Too Lax on Criminals

Michael Fay has his butt in a Singapore sling.

In case you've missed the news, Michael Fay is the 18-year-old American accused of vandalizing cars and sentenced by Singaporean legal authorities to six lashes with a cane across his bare backside.

Sure, Fay is a brat. He's confessed to spray-painting 53 cars in an upper-class Singapore neighborhood. He's known as a troublemaker at the American school he attended and probably deserves to have some sense knocked into him.

But caning is no mere spanking.

After being strapped down, the beating is administered by a martial arts expert who uses his entire body weight to deliver the blows. Most people pass out after the second or third stroke. Instead of letting the prisoner miss out on all the sadomasochistic fun, the beating is stopped until he regains consciousness.

And the excitement doesn't end there. According to a retired prison director, each stroke of the cane splits open the skin and spectators are treated to a multi-colored shower of blood and flesh. As a bonus, the prisoner gets to keep a set of scars and, in some cases, permanent disabilities as souvenirs.

What's even more interesting than knowing the old colonial whipping post is still alive and well in modern Singapore, is that nearly four in 10 Americans approve of Fay's punishment.

According to a recent survey, 38 percent of Americans polled say they support the caning. Members of Congress and the Singapore Embassy have been flooded with calls, letters and faxes in favor of corporal punishment.

One popular argument in favor of beating the daylights out of Fay goes like this: Fay broke the law in Singapore and should therefore be subject to their punishment, however barbaric it may be.

And, as the argument goes, if a kid from Singapore came over here and got caught doing the same thing Fay is accused of, the United States would have every right to prosecute him to the fullest extent of American law.

The poor Singaporean kid might have to pay a fine and maybe even put in some hard time shelving books at the library a few days a month. Oh, the humanity.

Now let's say a few months later, the Singaporean kid gets into trouble again. This time things are a little more serious and he rapes an elderly woman at gunpoint. After serving five years of a "mandatory" 20 year sentence, the kid is paroled and guess what, he's got your grandmother's home address. Now, repeat this scenario two or three more times.

Welcome to the American criminal justice system.

Over the past 30 years, violent crime in the U.S. has risen more than 500 percent. We are the undisputed rape, murder and mayhem champions of the industrialized world and what's more, honest citizens don't stand a fighting chance. According to Newsweek, three out of every four criminals are never imprisoned.

Americans are angry and have every right to be. They've been betrayed by the system that's supposed to protect them, a system that often seems to favor the rights of criminals over those of their victims.

Contrast that with the swift, harsh punishment of Singapore. No waiting years to try a case in court, no namby-pamby community service sentences, no revolving prison door turning out meaner, more depraved criminals onto the city streets. Just a good old fashioned flogging and the whole mess is over and done with.

It's no wonder the caning craze is sweeping the nation. The message is clear. Make the criminals pay.

And pay they should. Yet somewhere between a slap on the wrist and a public bloodbath, there must be a happy medium. More prisons, police officers and tougher, swifter sentencing would be a start. Mandatory sentences that were actually mandatory would be another step in the right direction.

Michael Fay has given Americans who feel powerless against criminals the chance to say, "you are not going to get away with it anymore." They are right, but demanding a pound of Fay's flesh won't make the problem disappear.

To resort to torture would be nothing more than a retreat backwards into the Dark Ages. As a country, we need to step forward and demand the overhaul of a broken criminal justice system.





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- Psalm 55:16

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FROM CORRECT, PAGE 1

He credits UNO and other universities for their treatment of politically correct issues.

"Thank goodness the professorship at UNO and throughout the country is a homogenous group."

Bacon said UNO has some professors whose political views are to the right of Rush Limbaugh, while others are on the extreme left wing of the political spectrum.

"And some people who are so politically correct on this campus that it's a wonder they ever get anything out of their mouths," he said.

Dividing political correctness into the right and left is not an easy distinction, Bacon said.

"There's political correctness (PC) which the political right in this country says is conformity to so-called left-wing or liberal standards. However, there is PC in terms of other places in this country, which from a moderate or a liberal perspective, looks like a conservative PC."

Bacon also said Americans really don't have any idea of outrageous speech. He noted that in the former

Eastern Bloc countries after the fall of communism in the late '80s, newspapers went from highly centralized, censored media to a decentralized, fragmented media with no libel, slander or press laws.

In Romania, for example, there are three or four widely read newspapers which would not be allowed in this country, because they are very anti-Semitic, anti-Hungarian and "anti just about everything except for the people publishing them," Bacon said.

"So when we talk about political correctness, this is nothing new," he said. "It's simply conformity to community standards."

"In Eastern Europe, what we would call politically insensitive would almost be mainstream."

Jumping on the bandwagon of political correctness is not the answer, Bacon said.

If a person only is portraying political correctness out of fear of exclusion from the community and not from personal conviction, then they are bowing to a standard which is not their own, "and you are subverting your individuality to the community standards," he said.

Forensics Members Place in Tournament

UNO Forensics team members Julie McKnight and Rich Jones placed seventh in duo interpretation at the American Forensics Association National Tournament at Wichita State University April 8-11.

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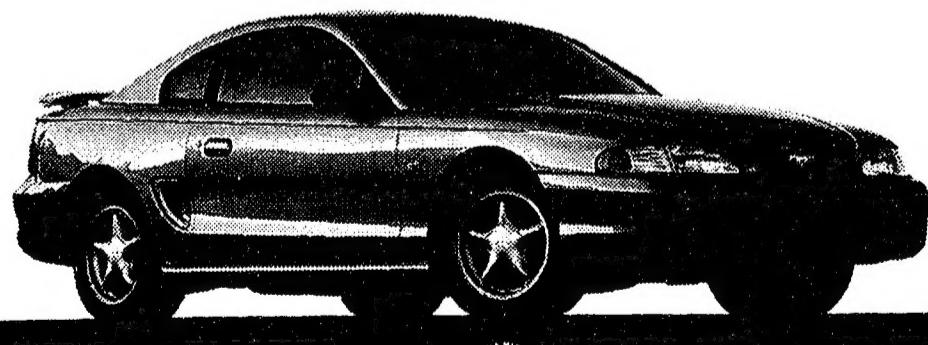
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Diet Pepsi Walk Benefits UNO Athletics

By DAVE BORYCA

On a sunny weekend morning, the peaceful vista of UNO was abruptly shattered by more than 1,000 women walkers with a grim purpose.

An estimated \$90,000 was raised by these walkers in Saturday's Diet Pepsi/UNO Women's Walk for women's athletics. UNO Assistant Athletic Director Connie Claussen said. A total of 1,100 women signed up to participate in the event which raises money for scholarships and travel for UNO's female athletes.

"Right now we've got \$76,000 in the bank, and we project another \$14,000 to be turned in," Claussen said.

The goal for the walk was previously set at \$100,000. Claussen said she hoped they would be able to get as close as possible to that amount.

"I'm going to see how close we can get to that goal," Claussen said. "I'm going to contact as many people as possible to raise the extra money. Even if we can't get it, though, \$90,000 is a good number."

The Women's Walk is the primary fund-raiser for the women's athletic department. Now in its ninth year, the event has raised more than \$600,000 for the department since its inception.

Claussen said the walk was a great time for all the contestants.

"The walk ran very smoothly," she said. "Everyone I saw had a big smile on their face."

Claussen also said she was pleased with the support given to the event.

"I was very pleased with the turnout," Claussen said. "We raised a lot of money for scholarships for our female student-athletes thanks to all the women who participated. These women are an integral part of helping to make the UNO women's athletic program successful."

Claussen explained that the event provides other pluses to UNO's female athletes besides the financial impact.

"We try to match up athletes with businesses in the event based on their major," Claussen said. "A business major will be assigned to help out a bank's participants while an education major will be matched with a participating school. They can build up some good networks. It helps our student-athletes get jobs when they graduate."

Another positive effect the Women's Walk brings about, according to Claussen, is extra focus by the public on UNO's women's athletics.

"We get so much good out of this walk," Claussen said. "It brings our athletes out to the front to the community."

A continental breakfast and a chance to win many prizes were just a few of the incentives for the participants. Saturday's grand prize winners were Melanie Griffiths, Louise Kvasnicka and Lennie Jefferson.

Griffiths was the winner of two round-trip airline tickets from Continental Airlines. Kvasnicka won a 14 karat gold diamond and ruby ring from Borsheims valued at \$3950 and Jefferson won airfare and two nights lodging for two in Las Vegas compliments of Travel and Transport.

The Diet Pepsi Women's Walk gets its name from the Pepsi-Cola Bottling company which has sponsored the event for the past six years with a \$15,000 annual donation. The \$15,000 pays for the costs of the fund-raiser which allows all the money raised by the walkers to directly benefit the female student athletes.

Fran Marshall, senior vice president of First National Bank, served as chairman of this event for the second straight year.

"Fran did an excellent job," Claussen said. "She doesn't like making the big speeches, but she stayed in the background and got the job done."

Lady Mavs Set Records At Jim Duncan Relays

By KENT CROSSLEY

The UNO Lady Mav track team returned from Saturday's Jim Duncan Relays at Drake University with a rewarding effort, including two school records.

The sprint-medley relay team recorded a time of 4 minutes, 14.79 seconds, breaking the previous school record by about three seconds. The relay team, consisting of Linda Vondras, Sue Del Castillo, Billie Jo Antisdell and Kim Osler, placed third at the meet.

Del Castillo, who placed second Saturday in the triple jump, recorded a distance of 40 feet. The mark was about four inches better than her previous school record set just one week ago. Del Castillo, who just began participating in the event three weeks ago, has now qualified for next month's outdoor national meet.

Coach Tim Hendricks said Del Castillo's success this year may have an underlying motive.

"She kind of got left out in the cold last year due to some circumstances beyond her control," Hendricks said of Del Castillo's near miss at receiving all-American status. "They changed the qualifying procedures

the night before the indoor meet, so I think she's out for blood in the outdoor season."

Del Castillo, who spent three years at St. Cloud State before transferring to UNO, added to the reasons for her success.

"Tim Hendricks is a great coach, and he really gets a lot out of me. When I was at St. Cloud, I didn't work nearly as hard. Now I really have a good work ethic."

Del Castillo also finished second in the 100-meter hurdles.

While Del Castillo was the only Lady Mav to achieve the automatic qualifying mark, Hendricks said Del Castillo and teammate Kim Osler should have good enough qualifying times for the outdoor meet next month.

"The times for the automatic qualification are set so high, that just a few make it," Hendricks said. "Kim Osler ran a 14.18 and Sue Del Castillo a 14.21 in the 100 hurdles. Last year, 14.31 made it in."

Osler's time of 14.18 tied the UNO record in the 100 hurdles.

Other Lady Mavs who performed well on Saturday but did not make the qualifying marks, included Mary Ann Wieberg, Barb Keefover, Janine Ramaekers (400 meters), Jennifer Kennedy (5,000-meters) and April Morris (shot put).

Lady Mavs Edged in Title Game

By DAVE BORYCA

This Saturday and Sunday the UNO women's softball team amassed five straight victories in the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) tournament only to be edged out in a tight contest against Morningside College in the final game.

The Lady Mavs faced their first three opponents on Saturday: UNK, Adams State and the United States Air Force. They defeated UNK 4-0, Adams State 9-1 and USAF 13-1 in pool play. On Sunday, UNO played its last pool game against the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs in which the Lady Mavs won 18-3.

In the semifinals, UNO outlasted the University of Central Oklahoma in a 3-1 decision. Denise Peterson earned the win for the Lady Mavs, moving her record to 14-0.

UNO fell behind 1-0 early in the game until Jill Patten scored the first run, going 2 for 3 on the day. Michala Lehotak also helped out the Lady Mavs offensively with a RBI.

Coach Mary Yori explained that Central Oklahoma is not a team to be taken lightly.

"They're a very top 20 type team," Yori said. "They always play hard against us."

The Lady Mavs weren't as lucky against Morningside with the decision going to the Chiefs 3-2.

Morningside got their first run in the first inning and remained in the lead until a Chief

breakdown in the third tied it up. With Toni Novak on first, Kerri Semrad bunted to third. After a wild throw by the third baseman, Novak rounded the bases to put the Lady Mavs first number on the board.

Both teams scored again as the game progressed until the sixth inning where Morningside broke the 2-2 tie in the bottom of the inning. The Lady Mavs were unable to capitalize on their last time at bat in order to turn the tables.

Yori said the low scores in the Lady Mavs last two games were due in part to the poor weather.

"The wind was blowing in hard," Yori said. "We didn't get any extra base hits in those last two games."

Despite the weather, Yori said the loss was due mainly to small breakdowns in UNO play.

"We didn't capitalize when we should have," Yori said. "We had people on base and the chances to bring them in, but we weren't able to do that."

Yori also listed another reason for the defeat as a better prepared Morningside team.

"They have a good team," Yori said. "They're a contender in the NCC. They were simply a better team on Sunday than we were. We'll get a chance at them again this season."

The next contest for the Lady Mavs will be on Wednesday in a home doubleheader against South Dakota at Claussen-Westgate Field.

UNO Hosts Turney

By TIM ROHWER

It was a huge hit.

About 400 of the state's top volleyball players took part in the Great Plains Regional Tournament Sunday in the UNO Fieldhouse.

"We had the state's elite teams in the 18-years-old and under, as well as the 16-years-old and under," said UNO Volleyball Coach Rose Shires. "It was a very good turnout."

Paul Giesselman, UNO's graduate assistant coach, added, "You can't get this many players under any other building in the state. We had eight courts going at once. Most other large buildings can fit only five courts."

The tournament, sponsored by the United States Volleyball Association, was actually held at four other sites in the Omaha area, besides UNO, for grade school and high school girls who play on club teams during the winter and spring.

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Mav Bats Heat Up for Victory

By DAVE BORYCA

After suffering a pair of baseball losses to cross-town rival Creighton last Tuesday, the Mavericks were out for blood against University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) on Sunday.

With this in mind, the Mavs crushed UNK 20-3 thanks to six home runs by six different UNO batters.

Those Mavs with the homers included Greg Geary, Todd Moffett, Joe Daneff, Tim Hallett, Martin Merrill and Mike Sullivan.

Three of the home runs came in the first inning for the Mavericks. After the first inning, UNO didn't look back as it proceeded to pull away from the Lopers.

Coach Bob Gates said he was pleased the Mavs showed a strong offensive effort. The game pulled UNO out of a hitting slump which has plagued the

team for the past seven games.

"I was pleased we were able to get back into it and start hitting a little," Gates said. "Lately, we've been having some trouble offensively."

On the defensive side of the ball, the Mavs used three different pitchers during the game. Jeff Van Every got the win, with Ethan Anderson and Dave Vallinch pitching in relief.

The UNK game also marked the end of a Mav losing streak over the past two weeks. Gates said the win was beneficial to the morale of the team.

"It's great to get back and get a win," Gates said. "They're (UNK) aren't as good a ball club as Creighton, but beating them will help get us going."

Despite the optimism, Gates said the UNK game was not a good measure of the quality of the Mavericks.

"I still don't know what we can do," Gates said.

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"There were about 135 teams in the whole tournament," Giesselmann said, adding that the 400 players at the UNO event represented 40 teams from around the state.

Giesselmann said there are many advantages for girls playing on these club teams in addition to their regular school teams, which play in the fall.

"It helps the girls improve their skills during the off season and allows them to play with and against the better players in the state," he said. "What's more, it gives them a better chance to be seen by college coaches because most coaches are busy with their own teams during the fall."

"Some of these girls who live in small towns will travel 100 miles to play on a club team," Shires added.

UNO has hosted this tournament for many

years and has benefited from it, Giesselmann said.

"It's a good recruiting tool because the best players in the state are right here at UNO," he said.

"About 80 percent of my players over the years have played in this tournament," Shires said.

The UNO volleyball program will receive about \$1,000 for hosting part of the tournament, she said.

Several of Shires' players also participated by coaching some of the club teams.

"Coaching a team helps me better understand the coaches' methods during our own practices. It helps me understand the coaches' points better," said sophomore middle blocker Denise Otten, who coached the Bellevue Juniors team. "Besides, it keeps me around the

game more."

Sunday's tournament was part of a busy off-season for the Lady Mavs.

"We've already completed six weeks of spring practice," Shires said. "We're on our last week and we'll finish it with a tournament at Mankato State."

She said the team has greatly improved during the spring.

"There has been a tremendous amount of improvement in their athletic ability and in team cohesiveness," Shires said.

She especially praised the improvement of Otten, junior outside hitter Kevin Campbell, junior middle blocker Michele Highland and freshman outside hitter Shawna Sullivan.

"They've greatly improved their overall knowledge of the game and better consistency in ball control," Shires said.

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"Sunday was not a test. We'll have to wait for the conference games to find out."

What Gates said he does know for sure is that the Mavericks have a lot of potential this season due to their youth. The only seniors playing for UNO are Cory Erspamer, Bernie Imig and Moffett.

"We still have to keep working on the fundamentals," Gates said. "We only have three seniors, so everyone has a lot of room to improve."

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Nebraska Semester Abroad, also available through IS 1000, is a 10 week spring semester program in Belgium and the Czech Republic.

"All of the Nebraska Semester Abroad classes are in English because we take instructors from Nebraska," she said.

"It's a very reasonable program because it's a state program so there are no outside fees. You can do the program for \$5,500 a semester."

"Studying abroad is expensive and students need to be aware of that."

But opportunities for financial aid are available.

"If you are eligible for financial aid on this campus you can be eligible for study abroad for the same amount."

Scholarships and grants also are available to help with the costs.

The local rotary scholarship is a one-year study abroad scholarship that covers all expenses.

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According to Corkle, "studying abroad gives students a great opportunity to learn about other people and other countries. You can only read so much. But you really don't know what it is like until you have lived with

a local family."

Corkle thinks there is an advantage to living with a host family.

"You can really learn about their culture because you are actually living with that family, eating the same food, speaking the language."

"I think it makes you learn about yourself. You learn you can adapt. You learn that you have to like new foods. I think for an individual that it makes you become more confident in your own skills."

Corkle advises students to be careful of other advertisements for study abroad programs.

"There are some travel abroad programs that students need to check out, either with a university official or with somebody else. Be sure that it is an approved program so that your credit will be accepted at your home university."

"If it's a business phone number and not a university phone number I might even call the Better Business Bureau," she added.

Students wishing to take part in study abroad programs need to act quickly, Corkle said.

"Sometimes there is a very short turnaround time on these applications."

Corkle said her office has many informational resources available to students.

To receive further information regarding the program, stop by the study abroad office in Arts and Science Hall, Room 238.

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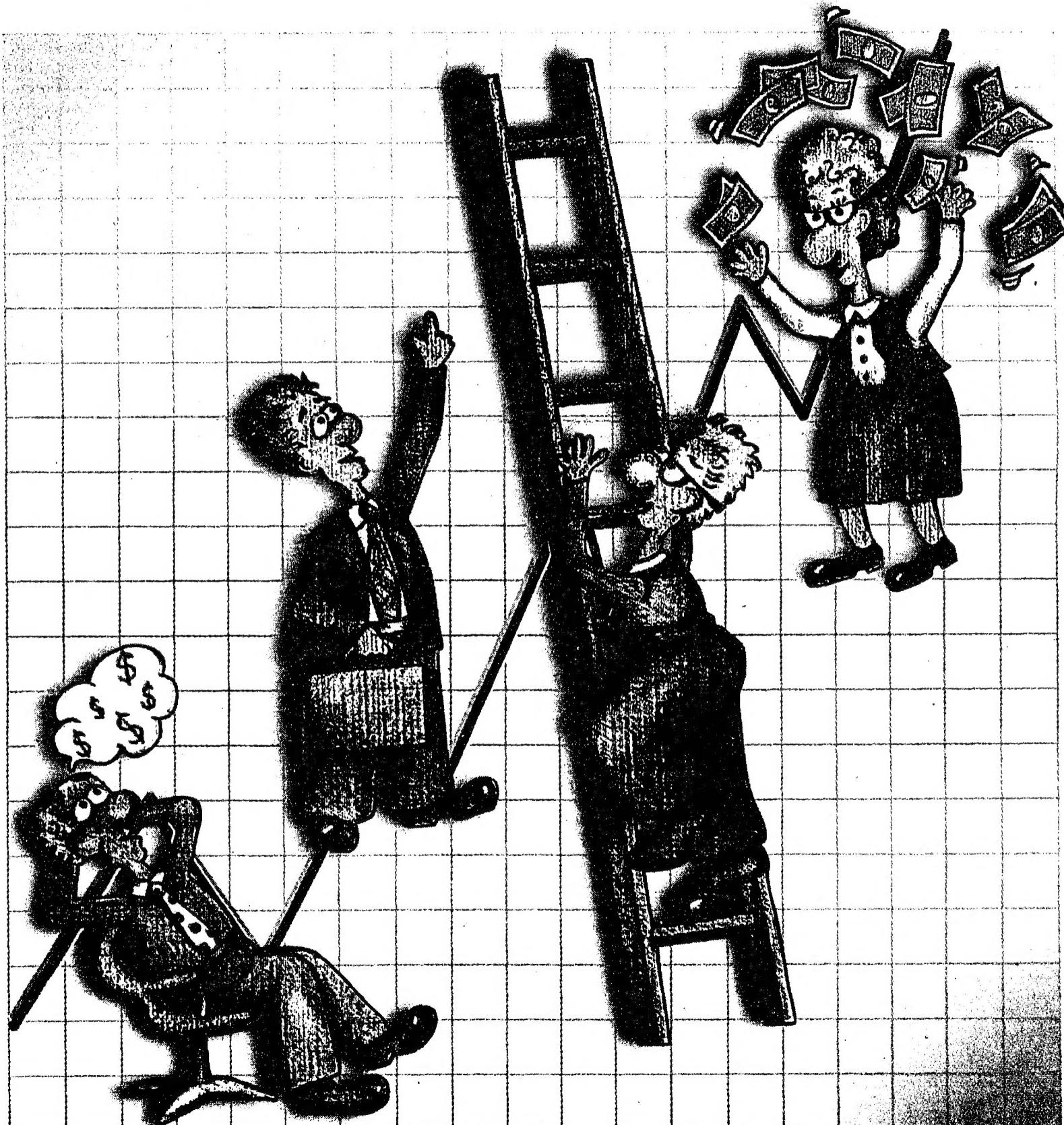
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CPPS offers career counseling, help with résumés and information on various companies to all UNO students.

Tamayo especially encourages seniors to use the resources offered by CPPS.

"We want to see students come in and register the minute they reach senior sta-

tus," he said. "A month before graduation is almost too late."

There are several programs, Tamayo said, designed specifically for seniors.

On-campus interviews and direct referral to employers are two programs only seniors may participate in, Tamayo said.

Twice a year, once in the fall and again in the spring, CPPS arranges for various companies to conduct interviews on campus.

Registered CPPS students can review the list of companies scheduled to conduct interviews, Tamayo said. Then they sign up for a day and time to meet with a recruiter from that company.

"It has proven successful for many students," he said.

But the direct referral to employers program has been even more successful, he said.

In this program, employers send announcements of job openings to CPPS. Then the counselors send résumés of qualified students back to the company.

This direct referral service got UNO graduate Michael Mahoney a job only three days after graduation.

Mahoney said he first went into the CPPS office looking for a part-time job.

He met with Tamayo a short time later. Tamayo showed him the different job avenues he could travel with his degree in marketing.

Mahoney said Tamayo sent him home to make a rough draft of his résumé. Mahoney came back and Tamayo helped him make it stronger.

Tamayo submitted the revised résumé to a company, which called Mahoney for an interview. They offered Mahoney the job after the second interview.

"I am absolutely sure it was Bernie's advice to research the company before the interview that got me the job," Mahoney said.

Interviewers are impressed by possible employees who have taken the time to research the company they would like to work for, Tamayo said.

"When the interviewer asks why you

want to work for their company," Tamayo said, "you can't give a good answer without having done research into the company."

Finding background information on companies is relatively easy, Tamayo said. The CPPS office has books and files full of helpful information, as does the UNO Library and the public library.

CPPS can open doors for students, Tamayo said, but it's the student's responsibility to do everything possible to get the job.

"You have to make yourself stand out," Mahoney said.

Recent statistics show that CPPS students are getting the jobs, Tamayo said.

According to Tamayo, approximately 50 percent of the May 1990 graduating class used the services. Seventy-one percent of the service users are currently employed in full-time jobs. Nine percent have part-time jobs; 10 percent have continued their education; one percent don't want to be employed at this time and seven percent are still looking for employment.

"That is a good success rate," Tamayo said, "considering 1990 was near the height of the recession."

Tapping the benefits CPPS can provide begins with registering, Tamayo said.

Students first go to a pre-registration seminar that gives some basic information about the services CPPS offers, he said.

Then they come back with a preliminary résumé and sit down with a counselor to revise it. The students also fill out a registration form that lists basic information such as name, grade point average, interests and employment history.

Once the counselor approves the résumé, the student is activated and remains on the list of prospective employees for one year.

Another benefit is that, unlike many other schools, UNO's job placement service is free.

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The Search Is On

But Where to Start? Omaha Offers Options

by
Kim Despins

For many recently graduated and those who are about to graduate, the hunt for employment has begun.

The first problem for many is finding where to look for employment leads.

UNO Career Planning and Placement Director Nancy Nish suggested job seekers send out résumés to potential employers even if a job isn't being advertised.

"You need to go straight to the source," Nish said.

She also suggested talking to friends, relatives and friends of friends and attending career fairs.

"Let it be known that you're looking for work and what type of position," she said.

There are other options for those looking for employment. The Nebraska Job Service and employment agencies also help with job placement.

The Nebraska Job Service offers employment services for those who are reentering the workforce, under employed and those who recently have lost their jobs.

Registration with the Nebraska Job Service is simple. Interested applicants need to set up a time for registration which takes about two hours, said Teresa Rose, employment services supervisor at the Nebraska Job Service. There is no charge for registration.

The Nebraska Job Service also helps college graduates with employment counseling and workshops on résumés and cover letters.

Rose also recommended that college graduates send out résumés, regardless if the company is hiring.

Jobs that are advertised are the best to apply for, Rose said.

"I think the classifieds are great."

Some will look to employment agencies for help in their quest for employment.

Joanne Peters, owner of Peters Personnel, said employment agencies place applicants mainly in professional and administrative positions. While temporary agencies find employees for companies, Peters said employment agencies start with the applicant.

"When we see a candidate, we can call the companies that hire that type of candidate," Peters said.

The agency interviews applicants and reviews their résumés before marketing them to the companies. The cost, Peters said, is generally a percentage of the client's salary. Sometimes, she said, the company will pay the fee, but the client is never charged if he isn't placed in a job.

Peters said the agency is continually looking for better jobs for its clients.

"It's a lifetime relationship," she said.

Temporary employment agencies are another option.

Jill Ray, branch manager of Olston Temporary Services, said temporary services have little problem keeping their applicants employed.

"As long as they're available to work, we'll keep them as busy as they want to be," Ray said.

Registration with a temporary agency takes about two hours and there is no cost to the applicant. All fees are paid by the employers. Ray said temporary job agencies place applicants mainly in administrative support positions.

The majority of people who use temporary

services, Ray said, are retired people and college students looking for work during breaks.

"The majority of the people we place are in between jobs," Ray said. "They can get an immediate income, and they have the opportunity to network."

Ray said she's seeing more and more temporary jobs turn into full-time jobs because of the networking aspect.

The most important part of the job search is to look in every possible place.

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First Impression

Letting Them Know You're Perfect for the Job

by
Kim Despins

The résumé and cover letter give a potential employer the first impression of an applicant.

This makes them one of the most important parts of the job-hunting process.

According to Nancy Nish, UNO Career Planning and Placement director, each résumé and cover letter must address the employer's needs, not the applicant's.

"It has to be tailored to the position," Nish said.

The cover letter introduces the résumé and should be printed on high quality paper, Nish said. A cover letter should include a couple specific examples of the applicant's skills.

"The cover letter tells a lot about the applicant's personality," said Molly Dahm, a staffing specialist for Integrated Marketing Services.

The ultimate goal of the cover letter is to get a potential employer to read the résumé.

"You don't want to blow your whole wad in the cover letter," Nish said. "They're little companion pieces."

In a résumé, Dahm said she looks for the characteristics and skills that will most benefit the company.

"We're looking for specifics that will fit in with the job," Dahm said.

Some of the general things Dahm looks for in a résumé include stability in employment and education.

"I look to see if we need to educate

SEE RÉSUMÉ, PAGE 9A

Tips for Résumé Writing

- Keep it concise, 1-2 pages.
- Use brief statements beginning with action verbs for greater effect.
- Begin with strongest statements when describing your accomplishments.
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"Plan. Don't set foot out your door until you have a plan," she said. "Don't go in cold."

Dahm suggested the applicant evaluate his abilities before the interview.

"Know who you are and what you want," she said. "Be open to other avenues."

When interviewing applicants, Dahm said she looks for common sense, stability in employment, professionalism, enthusiasm and honesty with information. She also looks for skills specific to the job.

"I think everyone brings their own abilities to an interview," Dahm said. "It really depends on the position itself."

Nancy Nish, UNO Career Planning and Placement director, said employers look for the applicant who has the most to contribute.

"They look for someone who's going to solve their problems," Nish said.

Researching the company before the interview also is important, Dahm said.

Nish agreed that research is vital to the interview.

by
Kim Despins

"The best thing you can do for an interview is find out about the company," Nish said.

Having all the right answers to the usual questions doesn't constitute a successful in-

terview, Nish said.

"The bottom line is that you need to know what you have to offer the employer."

Nish warned against asking about salary and benefits during the first interview.

"You can worry about your needs after the interview," she said.

After leaving the interview, Nish said, the applicant should send a typed or handwritten letter to the interviewer thanking him for his time.

"Even if it's an interview that didn't necessarily go well," she said. "A follow-up is important because you used up someone else's professional time."

Then the waiting begins. Waiting for a phone call from the company can be frustrating. Nish and Dahm suggested giving the company about two weeks before calling if not given a time frame during the interview. Dahm warned against calling the company too frequently.

"You can be too persistent," she said. "You need to look for cues they're giving you."

Nish suggested asking for a time frame before leaving the interview. Don't get frustrated if you don't get a call right away, she added.

"If you haven't heard anything, don't assume you're out of sight," she said.

Nish offered some advice for job seekers. The applicant must illustrate his skills, not simply tell, by giving specific examples.

"The most important thing is to try to put in mind the key things they have to offer an employer and give examples of those skills."

Interviewing Tips

- Research the company or organization with whom you are interviewing.
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Employers Say Professional Appearance Is Crucial

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Research shows that interviewers form impressions of job candidates within the first few seconds of meeting.

A firm handshake, a sincere smile and direct eye contact can go a long way toward making a positive impression, but area recruiters and retailers say that if you don't dress to impress, you may not get hired.

"I find that students looking for professional positions come dressed very conservatively," said Marilyn Hallett of Mutual of Omaha. "I even tell our own employees that if they dress appropriately, it's easier to move ahead."

While the blue business uniform of the

'80s has been replaced by more casual workplace looks, Hallett said it's better to play it safe. Flashy or distinctive dress may get an applicant noticed, but it may not get him the job.

"While it (office dress) has relaxed a little bit, dressing conservatively is just more professional," she said.

Machael Durham, manager of Peters Personnel, a professional employment agency, agreed.

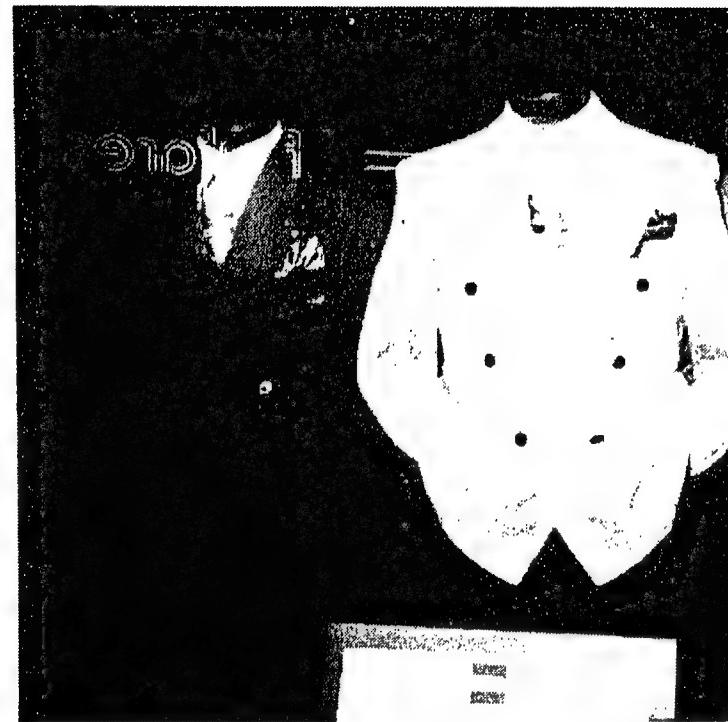
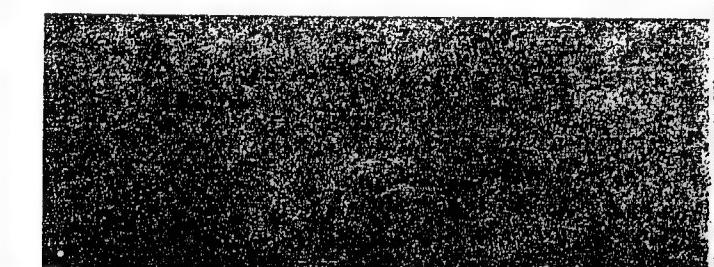
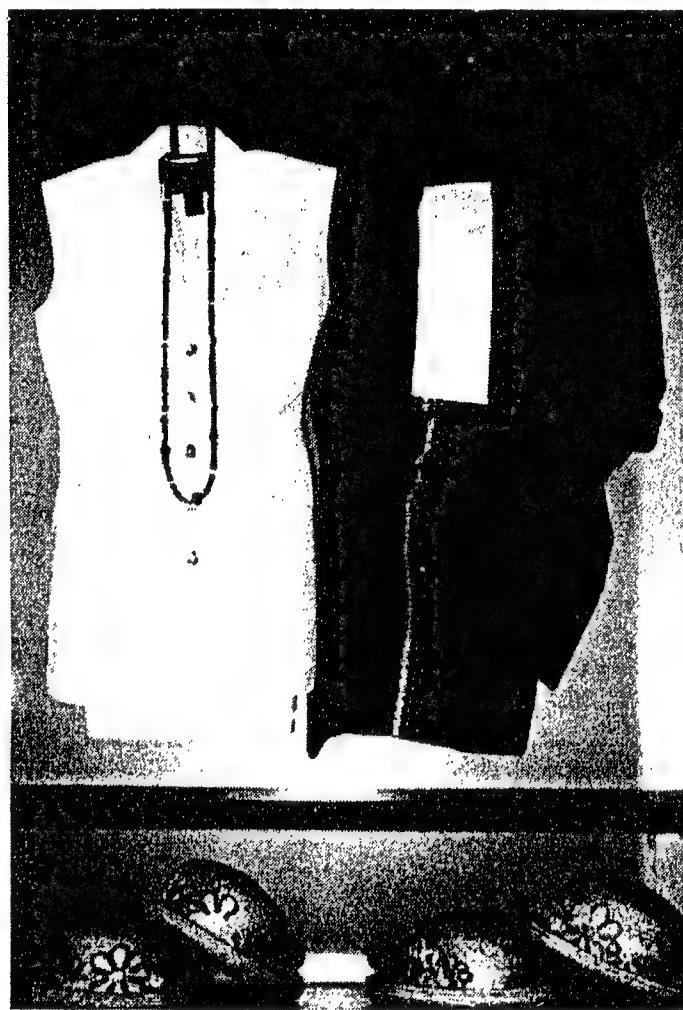
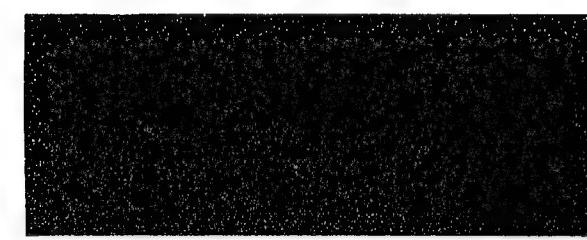
"We always tell people going on interviews to dress for success," Durham said. "It's always better to be overdressed than underdressed."

Durham said for conservative professions such as banking, she recommends "the typical blue suit" for both men and women. In creative fields like marketing and public relations, more flamboyant clothing is acceptable.

"In those fields, you want to stick out," Durham said. "You don't want to be the 'person in the blue suit,' when they'll remember the person in the fuschia suit."

Local retailers say that conservative can still be stylish, both during the interview and on the job.

Mark Carter, manager of Bachrach in the Crossroads Mall, said basic suits in



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neutral earthtones are one of the most contemporary professional looks for men.

Single and double-breasted gabardine suits in colors such as dark brown and olive are among the most popular styles.

"We're getting away from the old navy and gray pinstripe suits," Carter said. "There's a little more slant toward earthtones, even for interviews."

According to Stephanie Williams, manager of The Limited at the Crossroads Mall, women will be sporting a more natural look this spring and summer.

Business attire has a more fluid, less fitted construction and fabrics range from

cool linens and linen-rayon blends to what Williams calls "the raw look," unfinished silks and linens.

To top off the season's simpler styles, "just about everything is in earthtones this year," Williams said.

Students don't need to clean out their bank accounts to create a workplace wardrobe, said Jeannie Shoemaker, a sales representative at Younkers.

"For people starting out, I'd recommend separates that are easy to mix and match," Shoemaker said. "Start with just a few basic things like a blue skirt and blazer. You can add other pieces later."

For men, Carter advises starting with a solid navy suit. The blue suit is always appropriate for interviews and professional business situations, and the jacket can double as a casual blazer in less formal settings.

"Another good basic is a double-breasted black or dark olive suit," he said.

Although dressing appropriately and fashionably is important to really make an impression, it's best to please yourself first, Durham said.

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Statistics Show It's Not Impossible in Omaha

by
Julie Larsen

Many UNO students will not only become graduates this May, they will become unemployed.

Don't worry, the future isn't that bleak. UNO students will be able to find work after they graduate, provided they invest time and effort into the job search.

"The jobs are out there," said Nancy Nish, director of UNO Career Planning and Placement Services.

Omaha has less than a 3 percent unemployment rate, Nish said, compared with up to 14 percent in other areas. However, the problem is "we (Omaha) don't have enough high-paying jobs," Nish said.

In addition, Nish said, it takes about six months to get a job, and with the downsizing of the job market, the search has stretched to about nine months.

Job seekers face a "Catch-22" situation, Nish said.

The seekers must have all options open, yet from an employer's standpoint, they must be focused.

The prospective employees must, Nish said, be able to convince an employer that they are qualified for a position and must go after several positions in order to open up all options.

Students have unrealistic expectations of what they are supposed to be doing after they graduate, she said.

While looking for a job, a student may think "I'll take anything," but the employer will prefer something more specific.

"The best piece of advice I can give a student is to get into a job environment that's

relevant to their career goals, even if it's a low-paying internship or volunteer job," Nish said.

"That shows an employer that you're really committed to what you want. A student can make a bridge to an even better job this way."

Nish said she is optimistic about the Omaha community's support of recent graduates.

"They (employers) have been routinely calling us for referrals," she said. "We have a business community that's very responsive to students."

According to a report generated by the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, December

graduates entered a better job market than May graduates will encounter.

Unemployment in the Omaha Metropolitan Statistical Area, which includes Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa, will be up from 2.3 percent in December of 1993 to projected 3.5 percent by June 1994.

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someone or if they will just come in and do the work right away."

A résumé should be geared exclusively toward the employer's needs, Nish said.

"Not one résumé works for all things," she said. "You need to look at the problems or challenges presented by this position. It's not strictly work experience, it's all kinds of experience."

Then the applicant must address those challenges with his own skills.

"The résumé is the document that illustrates your career objective and documents why you're qualified for that career objective."

The title of the position should appear in the career objective, Nish said, and the skills called for in the job de-

scription should be addressed in the résumé.

There are two styles of résumés, the chronological and the functional.

The chronological résumé highlights work experience that is directly related to the position the applicant is applying for.

"It's a very logical progression," Nish said.

The functional résumé focuses on transferable skills which the applicant gained in other areas of work.

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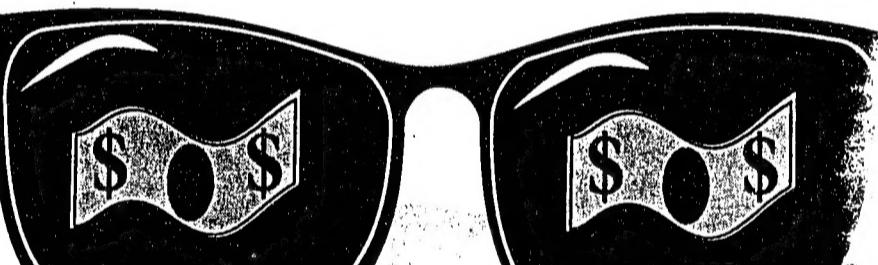
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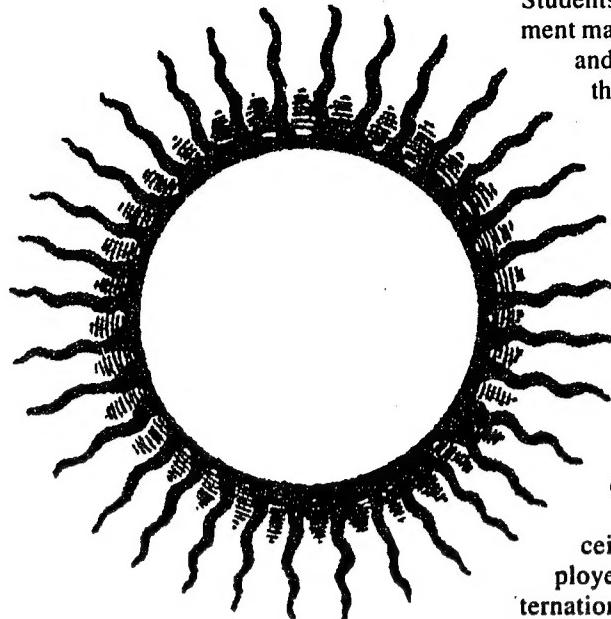
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Students considering summer employment may want stop by Career Planning and Placement Services (CPPS) in the Eppley building, Room 111.

Rick Carlson, supervisor of student employment, said many lawn companies, swimming pools and softball leagues send his office information on their job openings.

"We usually get information from companies with summer-only positions between January and May," Carlson said. "Many of them are beginning to set up their crews."

Carlson said CPPS also receives job information from employers regionally, nationally and internationally. If a student wishes to apply for a position as a camp counselor or work at a dude ranch outside the local area, Carlson said, that information also may be available at CPPS.

In order to apply for employment at Career Planning and Placement, Carlson said students need to check the job board on the

side of the office and write down numbers of the employment opportunities they find interesting.

"After they do that, they can come in and find out more about the positions and apply for them," Carlson said. The office will forward the information to the applicable business or agency.

Summer is not the only time CPPS has job information, Carlson said. "We offer student employment information year-round."

Career Planning and Placement does just what its name implies. All UNO students have access to the résumé writing seminar, Carlson said. They also can learn how to write cover letters, thank-you-for-the-interview letters and how to follow up after sending these items out.

Counselors in the center also will work with students individually.

"One of the biggest criticisms employers have about UNO students," Carlson said, "is they don't research the companies they're applying for."

Carlson said the center carries a variety of information on businesses and agencies such as annual reports and other

general information.

The office doesn't have as many students utilizing its services as Carlson would like, since many students are already working.

"UNO is unique because 85 percent of its students are working," Carlson said. "While for most colleges that figure is 60 percent."

Career Planning and Placement holds two job fairs each year.

"This gives students the opportunity to network with employers," Carlson said. "No matter what field they get into, this is important for students to do."

Carlson suggests students begin pursuing their career interests as soon as possible.

"They need to start early to test out the careers that they are looking to pursue," Carlson said. "That way they will know whether they like the field they're majoring in."



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